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Electric Lights In 30 Days Promised by Power Co. Official

FLYING NEWS FROM K FIELD

The high winds of last week put a damper on power flying somewhat, but was favorable to glider flight. Harry Comer of Alhambra spent Saturday flying his glider on the northwest ridge of Copper Mountain. The strong north wind gave excellent ridge currents and Mr. Comer stayed aloft for two hours and thirty minutes.

Regretably the same wind was the cause of wrecking Mr. Comer's glider later in the day. He was on his way home with the glider on the trailer behind his car, and in Morongo Pass the wind caught the trailer and flipped it over, wrecking the glider.

Captain C. R. Sisto from the American Airlines spent the week-end here looking over desert property. He is interested in finding a spot where he can put up a cabin so that he can fly to the desert for relaxation.

Charles Matherly of 29 Palms Garage was out to K Field this weekend trying out the Piper cub. Mr. Matherly is a pilot from way back. He operated the first Airline in Texas and Oklahoma and is a veteran of much barnstorming.

E. Ross Simpson, Real Estate Broker from Los Angeles, and an old-time pilot, was out looking for property.

Sunday visitors from Joshua Tree were Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Below, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook and party which included their daughter Miss Lillian Cook and Mr and Mrs. Arthur Brown of Long Beach.

V.F.W. Gives Flag To Boy Scouts

TWENTYNINE PALMS — The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Twentynine Palms Post 4229 donated a large U. S. flag to the Boy Scouts of that town at their last meeting. The V. F. W. Auxiliary also gave them a hand flag.

Chas. Loyer, Post Commander, says the V. F. W. extends a cordial welcome to all veterans to join their post. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the D. A. V. hall in Twentynine Palms.

Chamber of Commerce Rally Draws Big Crowd

BUSINESS SESSION DISCUSSES MANY DEVELOPMENTS

Joshua Tree folks turned out in force Saturday night for the Chamber of Commerce rally and dedication of the new Crane building.

Howard Way, who was to speak on Highway development, was called to Washington, and the windstorm at San Bernardino prevented A. W. Walker, Secretary of the County Chamber of Commerce, from fulfilling his engagement to speak.

President Chester R. Bunker complimented Jack and Mildred Crane on their enterprise and the beautiful new store building. He reported the plans for the Community Hall out of the Planning Commission and that Chairman Cook, Fred Moninger and the Townsite Company each has a set open for inspection. Plans for financing the building are now being formulated and will be announced later.

Counsel Christie Nelson outlined a plan for financing as used by the American Legion in Belvedere Gardens to build their hall and recommended it to the people of Joshua Tree.

Mr. Bunker reported that Joshua Tree has been granted a voting precinct to include residents 4 miles west, 6 miles north, 7 miles south and 6 miles east.

The Committee appointed at the December meeting to look into the possibility of getting a school here, reported some progress. They have conducted a survey of eligible children and reported 40 of school age and 20 pre-school age.

They are preparing to meet Superintendent Burton Thrall to lay the matter before him.

Secretary Gear urged car owners to be sure they specified 29 Palms road district on their applications for their 1946 license tags in order that we get full credit for our car registrations and our proper share of the gas tax. Mary Selby of the Automobile Club of Southern California, advised that members should make their applications through the Club and then the district would be sure to get proper credit, and save the owner the time and trouble of going to San Bernardino.

After the business meeting the crowd turned to merrymaking with dancing and refreshments. Mrs. C. A. Mitchell presided over the refreshments of coffee and sandwiches.

Music was furnished by Larry Grey and Zeke Coffin and one of the features was the first playing of Coffin's composition "Joshua Tree."

Mrs. Herdman and Mildred Crane went to Los Angeles Monday on business and expect to remain most of the week.

SURVEY CREW TO START NEXT MONDAY

ALL MATERIALS SAID TO BE ON HAND AT RIVERSIDE

Joshua Tree should have their long awaited electric lights in 30 days, so says R. H. Knaggs, district manager for the California Electric Power Co. He said all materials for the substation and the distribution system are on hand in Riverside and they will start moving material out next week.

Accommodations have been arranged for the men that are to do the work in Joshua Tree and the four man survey crew is expected to start work in Joshua Tree Monday morning. Their first job will be to lay out and set the stakes for the substation on Commercial street on the Company's property between Park Boulevard and Elwood Street.

Bob Speer and his crew of substation experts are finishing a job at Palma Village and will move up here during the week. As soon as the substation is staked out the survey crew will start staking out locations for the poles in the distribution system and the pole crew will move in shortly thereafter.

Mr. Knaggs thinks three weeks will see the poles and wires in place and another week for finishing touches and we can start connecting up our homes.

Poles and transformers were the big worry of the Power Company, but they finally got several thousand poles from the Navy at Port Huenneme and more up in Idaho, and Knaggs says they were fortunate in securing all the transformers needed for the present and they are now in Riverside.

The distribution lines will carry 4800 volts from the substation and the service transformers are installed on the poles where needed to step the current down to 220 volts for use in the homes.

Yucca Valley

As soon as the Joshua Tree project is completed the Company expects to start stringing the wires carrying 4800 volts, back on their highline poles to serve Mental Physics City and Yucca Valley.

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RADIO STAR VISITS LIKES OUR TOWN

Sure, and who do you think was in our town this week? None other than Molly Malone, the Irish Comedienne Radio Star. And a mighty fine lady she is, too.

We had a little party at the Clubhouse, and Molly, not a bit uppity like, had a good time like the rest of us.

'Bunny" Greaves, Molly's husband, kept us laughing with his dialects and stories.

Hurry back Bunny and Molly, we'd like to count you in our population.

Visitors Looking For Business Openings

Among the visitors in Joshua Tree Sunday were Arthur J. Payne and Norman J. Payne of Long Beach and Mrs. A. L. Green of Pasadena.

Norman Payne is an experienced radio technician and announced he has purchased a business site and would build his own store building and open up here with sales and service.

Mrs. Green is a nutritionist and is interested in opening a health foods store. She was much impressed with Joshua Tree and will probably locate here.

Top Medical Officer

Captain De Frens, highest ranking aero medical officer in the Navy is visiting in 29 Palms.

Captain De Frens was Chief of the Medical Staff with Admiral Halsey's Fleet.

Low Cost Housing Material to be Released

Military Surplus Stocks

Sale of Army and Navy materials, including lumber, pipe, nails, lath, plumbing and electrical supplies and other scarce stocks, is scheduled to be sold before spring in San Bernardino.

Local Builders and dealers will have the advantage of this close by sale, as other sale sites are at distant points, including Pasco and Spokane, Washington, and Lathrop and Port Hueneme, California.

The material is to be sold in minimum lots only. On lumber, it will be not less than a carload. In buying any of the material, it must be certified that it will be used promptly for low cost housing under the $10,000 limit of the President's program.

This sale is expected to do much to relieve the housing shortage in the surrounding area.

WOW! STREET SIGNS

Now we are really going to town with street signs 'n everything. Walt Phillips is the sign painter and has several already in place. They are redwood posts painted white with black lettering and look real metropolitan.

Saturday Evening Post Writer Looks Us Over

Mr. Harland Ware, of Arcadia, noted writer of fiction in the Saturday Evening Post and Ladies' Home Journal, paid Joshua Tree a visit this week. He said he was interested in the desert and might buy a homesite here in the valley.

Make Cement Blocks For New Bunker Building

The Lawson, McArthur and Sevage Cement Block Plant, has finished making the blocks for the Bunker Block and are delivering them to the site.

ARTIST TO SPEAK

Mr. H. V. Law, painter artist, is to speak on Art Appreciation at the regular meeting of the Joshua Tree Woman's Club Friday, January 18.

The meeting will be a guest day affair and all ladies are invited.

VIRGINIA DALE MINE ROBBED AND DAMAGED

Harry M. Hess, owner of the Virginia Dale Gold Mine near 29 Palms, discovered, on his trip to the mine last week, that robbers and hoodlums had broken into every building on the mine, destroying everything they could lay their hands on. Upsetting all the furniture, throwing dishes and papers and debris all over the place. They broke out about a dozen windows in the bunk house and ransacking everything in general.

Damaging the place and stealing things to the amount of a thousand dollars.

They stole all the large leather belts to the engines at the pumping plant, stole the magnets off the engine and broke out oil cups on them. The skip and cable are gone at the shaft and many other things are missing.

Mr. Hess picked up and nailed up things as best he could and has put a watchman on the mine. Sheriff Cones has been notified.

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Our School Need

It is perhaps hard for the County School Authorities to realize the rapid development taking place here on the desert and the growth of population and increase in school age children.

The plain bare facts are that in a single season Joshua Tree and the territory to Morongo Valley has completely outgrown the school facilities at present provided, and from present indications by school time next fall, double the present transportation facilities won't accommodate the children safely.

Besides the crowded conditions in the school at 29 Palms and in the school bus—the distance many of these children have to travel to and from school each day is far too great for the younger ones.

Establishment of a school at Joshua Tree would shorten the ride each day by 30 miles for the majority of those now carried, and at the same time relieve the serious over-crowding in the school at 29 Palms.

Growing children should have hot lunches at noon and the cafeteria in the 29 Palms school has had to be appropriated for classroom purposes.

The Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee of mothers to present our needs to the County School Superintendent and it is sincerely hoped he will listen with an open ear and mind to their pleas.

The land is available here for a school and health and training of our desert children is worth any cost necessary to provide proper schools.

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RE-COOPER-ATE

By DR. NORMAN C. COOPER

PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND CONGRESS

Two hours after President Truman had been sworn in as President of the United States after the untimely and unexpected death of President Roosevelt he turned the running of the country over to Congress. This was almost a complete reversal of the Roosevelt policy. President Roosevelt not only was a strong individualist and loved to run things the way he wanted them to be run but in the emergency of war, powers that are ordinarily delegated to other groups or agencies were turned over to him or he assumed them to be under his jurisdiction. Congress during the war years was very lenient with the President, too, and either listened to him or left many of its functions to be taken care of by the President and his war boards and bureaus. President Truman at his first cabinet meeting two hours after he was sworn in made it very plain and emphatic that he was turning all the several and various powers of the government back to the legally established channels for their proper execution. Congress may have been out of action so long that it really had forgotten how to function, how to pass legislation, and how to act on emergency measures and to assume its full share of responsibility. This may be Congress' fault or it may be the fault of President Roosevelt. Anyway, the Congress is back in the saddle again and is again having to think and act on matters of importance and even face postwar emergencies that are vital and grave. It must assume its duties and responsibilities. The "honeymoon" between the new President and Congress lasted for several months but that is all over now.

Recent invectives hurled by both the President and Congress leads us to realize that we again have a distinct executive branch of our government and a distinct legislative branch. Let us realize that now as we attempt to survey and criticize the higher branches of government for their effectiveness or ineffectiveness in passing emergency legislation, relieving strike situations, or getting our returning veterans housed. Let us **not lay all the blame or any ways** near all of it at the foot of the foot of the President. Let us see that Congress must take its place in national affairs and make the laws by which we are governed. We get nowhere by foolishly criticizing our President for things over which he has no jurisdiction nor any control. Above all, he isn't a Communist—Senator Taft to the contrary. And Senator Taft's calling him a Communist doesn't either make him one nor does it relieve Congress of its duties nor excuse it for responsibilities left to it. President Truman can only suggest legislative measures, he can't pass them or make them into law. That is left to the legislature. If the legislature wishes strike-control measures adopted, then it must adopt them. If the people want strike-control measures adopted, then they must look to the legislature for it—not to the President. If the legislature wants the returning veterans housed, then it must pass suitable measures to insure them adequate housing facilities. If the existing laws are not adequate to govern and control our nation then it is up to congress, not the President, to pass those laws, amend such old ones as need revision, and put us on a sound footing legislatively. All the power that the President has is to execute those laws once the legislative body has written them into our statutes. Wake up Congress, this is 1946, a postwar world, and a New Deal. Here is the chance for you to play the ace trump!

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Membership dues to the Chamber of Commerce were due Jan. 1, 1946.

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If you are interested in native rock masonry you should journey up to the house being built for Betty Burrell et al, on Mountain View Circle and have a look. Also, you should note that it is a fireplace built to burn, not smoke.

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CHURCH NOTICES

PARKWAY CHAPEL

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Services of worship will be resumed Sunday, Jan. 20, at 11:00 a.m. sharp at the Clubhouse. Dr. Williamson will speak. Congregational singing will be a feature of the service. Come and help us bring the Church to Joshua Tree. Remember—just one hour.

Church Service at Club House

Church service was held at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Clubhouse. Rev. Fagley, of the Nazarene Church at Twentynine Palms, officiated with Mrs. Fagley at the piano. Several children showed up for Sunday school, but, inasmuch as no arrangements had been made ahead there was no teacher available.

Mrs. Milo T. Crane, Sr., has promised to take them under her charge next Sunday.

A RECORD FOR HOUSE ERECTION

Last Saturday about 11 o'clock in the morning, a truck rolled into town with six men and a load of material and furniture. They proceeded to the lot of Florence F. Landry on Grand View street and went to work.

One hour and fifteen minutes later Mrs. Landry had a neat little prefabricated redwood house completed and the furniture moved in.

NOTICE OUR NAME ON THE GAS STATION

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Loans and Discounts	$11,189,252.25
U. S. Government Bonds	54,442,142.76
Other Bonds and Securities	3,065,414.81
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	60,000.00
Banking Premises	224,014.98
Furniture and Fixtures	82,154.96
Real Estate Owned	300.00
Cash and Due from Banks	14,189,589.41
TOTAL	$83,252,869.17

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	458,495.26
Reserves for Contingencies	38,471.92
Deposits	80,755,901.99
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"K" FLYING FIELD

By O. D. THOMAS

What see you? Little House 'neath Athol trees.
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Where yucca blossoms gorge the springtime bees
And greasewood trims the air-strip floor—
Where man-made cyclone of propeller thrust
Rises in a strident, crescendo roar
Re-echoing down the swirling dust
Footsteps of some ancient conquistador.

Where once disappointed Herrara rode,
Caparisoned in gleaming coat of mail.
And Cortez followers, like sun gods strode,
Along the blistering and endless trail,
Seeking fabled Cibola's golden hoard.
Gaunt and famished, dogged by the coyote's wail,
Pressed onward, only to fall upon the sword
That could not pierce the Desert's mystic veil.

How long their grandeur lingers with the land!
How strong their spirit mantles all the years!
More than helmet or steel strengthened the hand
Of our young men, who calmed a Nation's fears,
As o'er blazing gun and riddled empannage,
O'er severed strut and broken stay and wire,
They drew with sublime and awful courage
From that same River of Celestial fire.

Tell their tale, Little House beneath the trees,
To the winds that kiss the farthest shore.
Like a perfume let it ride on every breeze.
Like a bell let it ring forever more.
Tell the earth of our sons who court the sky,
Tell the years of this bold and deathless flame,
Of this Spirit that can never, never die
In the hearts of men, for Courage is it's name.

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EXHIBITION GOLF AT PALM SPRINGS

The O'Donnell Golf Course in Palm Springs will be the scene of an exceptional exhibition golf match next Tuesday, January 22nd.

Three of the country's outstanding professional golfers and George Howard, Palm Springs pro, will compete. The big drawing card will undoubtedly be "Mr. Golf, Himself," Byron Nelson of Toledo, Ohio. Nelson has been the leading money winner for the past several years and he recently won the Los Angeles and San Francisco opens. Nelson's perennial rival, Harold "Jug" McSpaden of Sanford, Me., will also be present. McSpaden has consistently placed second to Nelson in all the leading tournaments. He was the second leading money winner for 1945. The other leading professional, who will compete, will be Jimmy Hines, former Long Island pro, who is now representing a club from Chicago.

The match will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be an 18 hole affair. The price of admission will be $2.00 and the proceeds will go to the Palm Springs Welfare and Friendly Aid Association.

Know Your Neighbor

By ALICE POWELL BECKFORD

The "Doll House," owned by our late Delia Muller, now houses a most interesting family who have all come to Joshua Tree to have a part in the building of our town.

Milo T. Crane, the eldest member of the family was born in Kinsley, Kansas, and graduated from High School in Greenfield, Illinois. His first venture into business was as a printer; then he became interested in photography. Artie M. Worrel of Little Rock, Arkansas, claimed his leisure time and they married and moved to Indian Territory which was then known as Choctaw Nation and later became the town of McAllister, Oklahoma. Milo took the civil service examinations and was employed in the postal service there for eleven years, After working so long for others he decided to go into business for himself where he handled independent light and telephone systems. World War I came along and during that time he operated a coal mine. Four children were born, two boys and two girls. His hobby was always carpenter work and he was also interested in painting and paper-hanging.

Ted C. Crane, Milo's older son was much interested in his father's light plant and took a course in Electrical Engineering; when he was only eighteen years old he held a position as hoisting engineer for the City Coal Mines at Colorado Springs. This is a position of great responsibility even for an older and much more experienced man.

The younger son was named Milo, after his father, but was not a Junior, as his middle name is Worrel which was his mother's maiden name. He studied accounting and worked for a firm of Certified Accountants in Portland, Oregon. He married Bernice Rife and they have one son eight years old whom they named Milo giving him the middle name of Trent so that while there are three Milo Cranes living here in Joshua Tree they can all be distinguished by their different middle names. The youngest Milo suffered from rheumatism so they moved from Portland to Joshua Tree for his health. The whole family became Joshua Tree minded and have all purchased property here and are building as soon as possible.

Ted Crane is here with them and plans to bring his family later. He has two daughters one of whom is in college in Pasadena and for that reason they are unable to locate here at the present time. However, just as soon as it can be arranged their address will be Joshua Tree instead of Pasadena.

JACK POOLE IN TOWN

Jack Poole, president of the Joshua Tree Service Company, is in town looking after the new construction program of the Company.

On that program is the erection of a new 53,000 gallon storage tank, a pressure system for the new additions over the hill, and a new electric pumping plant that will insure the tanks being full all of the time.

LOWELL WINTER SELLS HIS NEW HOUSE

Lowell Winter sold that new house he built all by himself in record time last fall. Arthur Payne of Long Beach was the buyer.

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THE CONFLICT BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND LABOR

PROBLEM OF RECONVERSION AND PROSPERITY IN THE LAP OF CONGRESS

If anybody is under the impression that the job of being President of these United States is any fun, they only had to listen on the radio the other night, to the astounding address of President Harry Truman. I hope you heard it. It's a speech that will be discussed for a long time to come. Its full import has not yet been realized.

So, I say, it was an outstanding address in the full and literal meaning of the word. As his talk is analyzed, stripped of all embelishment,—down to bed-rock fundamentals — a number of breath-taking deductions can be made. The address was historic.

The over-all picture presented to the country is the highly distressing fact, that we have a serious, far-reaching, domestic head - on struggle now brought into the light—between, (1) segments of American Labor, (2) a segment of American Industry, and (3) all the American people.

These sections of labor and capital have taken opposite positions on the grave basic principles involved. Both parties propose to stand pat. The General Motors Co. are trying, on both the radio and newspaper advertising, to present a very righteous attitude to the public. It's strange how so suddenly the crocodile tears flow from these magnates' eves over worrying about our democracy. But, mind you, they worry only when their personal profits—huge profits are affected.

Of course, the American public —the innocent third party suffers. Few cars are being made, the people are caught momentarily, in the squeeze. Readjustment has almost stopped in many places. Keep this fact in mind—the real issue — no matter how philanthrophically and seemingly patriotically General Motors, General Electric, Steel and the others dress it up—they still all want to smash the unions and to make and keep unlimited profits confidentially as their own business.

The President had hardly stopped speaking when the brick - bats started flying his way. He has courageously taken the side of all the American people and the American workers—the welfare of the whole country.

Truman has certainly risked his whole political future and of course the outcome of the next election by opposing this selfish segment of American industry. Regardless of your political views, this is one time when everybody should back up the President.

Frankly, the entire future and the prosperity of the country, at least the immediate future, is at stake. He tells Congress, pointedly, to get busy and get action. He asks you and me—everybody—to prod, whack and push Congress into action. He wants Congress to get going—act;—to start the country up along on the business boom.

The important question now is—can President Truman stand up with the American people—against the Herculeanean pressure that will be brought to bear on him? Can the American people direct their will to Congress in sufficient intensity to off-set the terrific and terrible pressure that will be and is being exerted on the President and all Congressmen?

Pressure you ask—from where? From a segment of a powerful, well-organized, greedy industry of the old school. The fight is on now to see who will run the country, during the period of great prosperity that's coming. Will it be the Unions, or a certain narrow minded segment of American industry, or simply all the American people?

There is an old saying in Washington, "You can't beat a billion dollars." That only half states the present domestic issue of the country. This rebellent segment of industry would willingly spend several billions of dollars to win this fight. Remember that. The stakes are high. We shall soon see the outcome.

Many people are writing their Congressmen and Senators in Washington, urging them into action. That is, many are telling them to stop the strikes; to quickly wind up reconversion; and to get the country going with full production—and still more production—now.

Is that too much to ask of our Congressmen? President Truman thinks not.

Personal Mention

Carl Hanson from Flint, Michigan, visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson over the weekend. Mr. Hanson is planning to return to Joshua Tree in about 3 months to live. He is from the A. C. Engineering Experimental Plant of General Motors at Flint.

Also at the Johnsons this Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Cris Olsen and their daughter and son, Linda and Norman, from North Hollywood. Mrs. Olsen has engaged Mrs. Johnson as her host for a month's vacation at a later date.

Mrs. Lillian Ellis went to Los Angeles Sunday and came back to Joshua Tree still single. Rice's Cafe employees usually get married when they go off for a few days.

Mrs. Edith Parrish visited Friday and Saturday of last week. She said, "Even with the wind blowing, it is better than Los Angeles."

From Placentia came Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, their son James and wife, their daughter, and friend, Irene Allec last Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rice. The Rices were originally from Placentia and these visitors were old friends of theirs.

Miss Lillian Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, came out from Long Beach Sunday to visit her parents and make arrangements to build on her property.

W. C. Zúgg and W. J. Russell are present occupants of Coulter's Guest House.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown of Long Beach spent Sunday here making arrangements to build a home on their lot over on the north side. They expect to come here to live when the house is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams from Los Angeles made their first trip to Joshua Tree last weekend and are planning to return in the near future when they can stay longer. Mrs. Adams is Mary Burson's sister.

Monday morning Harold Wilson of the Valley Auto Service, was reported ill with the flu.

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HIDDEN RANCHO HAS PROMINENT VISITORS

The Stuarts, at their Hidden Rancho in Yucca Valley, had as Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Matteson of Desert Hot Springs and John M. Hayes of Hollywood.

The Matteson's have a 5-unit adobe court in Desert Hot Springs, built by Mr. Matteson. It is beautifully decorated by Mrs. Matteson who has ideas about interior decoration.

John M. Hayes, formerly of the New York stage was leading man last season in the Helen Hayes vehicle "Harriet." He also was the young priest, Father Pomian, in the 20th Century Fox, "Song of Bernadette," and had a role in "Keys of Kingdom Come."

Mr. Hayes just closed his first starring role at the Philharmonic Auditorium in Los Angeles, as 'Tschaikowsky' in the light opera "Song Without Words."

During the afternoon the Stuarts brought their guests to Joshua Tree and made a tour of the valley.

ALTA VISTA

So popular has Alta Vista addition to Joshua Tree proven that the Townsite Company is laying out 55 more of the large exclusive residence lots, and Lafferty Bros. are busy grading the streets.

These lots will come under the new pressure water system and Jack Poole, President of the Water Company, is in town this week to get work started on that system.

It is expected the new addition wil lbe ready about March 15.

Report Christmas Seal Sale Nearing Goal

"Returns from the 1945 Christmas Seal Sale are continuing to come into the office of the County Tuberculosis Association and more than 75 per cent of the total received," stated Mrs. Bertha V. Pet- Association. "While respsonse this ersch, Executive Secretary of the year has been slightly slower than in previous years returns have been coming in steadily and we know that those of our county receiving seals, but not having as yet replied, will shortly do so now that the rush of the holiday season is over. I wish to express my appreciation to those who have responded so generously because of their sympathetic understanding of the work being undertaken by our association," concluded Mrs. Peterson.

Of a $40,000 goal set by the Association for its Health program this year more than $30,000 has been received to date. The prime function of the organization of Tuberculosis throughout the county through the presentation of health education programs and the use of its mobile miniature X-ray unit in fort to uncover the disease. taking free chest X-rays in an ef-

10,000 X-rays were taken last year resulting in the discovery of 178 new cases of tuberculosis. Some 500 others were led to seek medical care and advice as a resule of having had a chest X-ray.

MORE PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dodge visited Mrs. Peterson Thursday, January 10, from Detroit. This was the Dodge's first trip to California and they were very much interested in the desert They are to spend a lengthy vacation in California and will be back on the desert before returning to Detroit.

Mrs. Kennie Schmidt and family vacationed here for a week. Her son, Eugene, has just been released from service. He spent some time in the European Theater of war. He noted Joshua Tree as the finest place hed'd seen for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. May are back at their homeplace on the highway. Mrs. May has been ill for about a month. She was confined in San Bernardino the middle of December, but went to Long Beach to be with relatives for the holidays.

Mary Selby of the Los Angeles office Automobile Club of Southern California arrived in time Saturday night for the Chamber of Commerce Rally.

JUST THINKING

By THE PACK RAT

If all these strikes were really intended to benefit the working man, the rank and file of the union membership, one might overlook the delay they are causing in the reconversion program. BUT THEY ARE NOT. They are the deliberate work and planning of a few racketeers whose mind's are RED and hearts BLACK with conspiracy to wreck our democracy.

The real leadership is NOT in the United States, but Russia. The stooges fomenting the trouble here hope to gain a selfish end when they have accomplished their task. They are using the RIGHTS they now enjoy under democratic government to bring about a system that will deny them and every one else any such rights.

It's going to take more than wishful thinking to stop this menace. Let's wake up and do it before it is too late.

PALM SPRINGS ROLLER BOWL DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

The Palm Springs Roller Bowl located near the Field Club in Palm Springs has been open for the past several weeks under the management of Joe W. Caraway. Large crowds from many surrounding towns have been attending the Bowl regularly.

The program of events include: Monday, Ladies night; Wednesday, gifts for the lucky ones and a program of stunts; Thursday, Colored persons only, Friday, Skating; and Saturday, Dancing to a popular orchestra. The Bowl is closed on Tuesday.

The dance this Saturday evening starting at 9:00 p.m. will feature the music of Tex Worrell and his Starlight Riders.

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Plants That Grow on The Desert

By MAUDE A. FOX

Why do we pay a dollar apiece for watermelons when we can raise them right here in our back yards in Joshua Tree? Foolish isn't it? This last year volunteer watermelons were growing all over this tract. They were the result of the seeds from those dollar apiece ones! If they will do that well without water or care—what would they do with a little pursuasion?

Every back yard here could grow a few hills—at least enough for one's own use. Sow seeds as soon as danger of frost is over. A little humus in the soil helps, yet it would be safe to plant here withou tit, as the melons love sandy soil. A good ideas as soon as seeds are planted is to spray a little D.D.T. in a circle around the mound of seeds. This is a caution in regards to ants. They love to sneak in and steal the seeds.

Cantaloupes, also should do well here, and cucumbers. Anyway, it doesn't take much effort to try a few hills. The Chamber of Commerce should offer a prize for the resident here who can raise the largest watermelon. That Mr. Chairman is a challenge!

If I owned acreage in Sun valley acres I'd put the whole darn plot into watermelons and I'll bet we'd make our payments! It's all nonsense to figure that all this soil will raise is wild daisies and greasewood.

Anyway try a few hills of watermelnos in your yard this year. You won't be sorry. Next week I am going to tell you how I happened to write about plants and agriculture—which I have been doing for the last twenty years. Bye now, and be sure and buy some watermelon seeds!

To Raise Turkeys At Sun Valley Acres

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kroes came to Southern California from Champaign, Illinois. They didn't like the fog and dampness of the coast cities so came out to look the desert over.

In Sun Valley Acres they found just what they were looking for, dry climate, sunshine, and a chance to raise turkeys.

Last Thursday they moved out with their house trailer and went to work establishing a home on their small acreage.

When visited by the JOURNAL Monday the Kroes had their trailer "dug" in, with tarp porch and a neat fence enclosing the yard and everything orderly and homelike.

Mr. Kroes was busy building a brooder house in anticipation of getting an early start with his turkeys.

Both Mr. and Mrs. were enthusiastic about their pioneering venture.

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HIGH SCHOOL HEP - TALK

By TEEN-AGER

Plugging along into another week your reporter is again desperate for news.

Our long planned Hayride was called off at the last moment. Although a few strugglers, met, far in "Them thar hills."

Mary Sue has again left us. She has made many friends here and we're sorry to see her go.

Looking out a window Friday aft., we take notice of our brave seniors. In the midst of a battle royal with lower grade men. Although there were two upper classmen to one, that has no bearing on the case. But, we're still wondering how the "trio" meaning Nancy Hoffman, Dorla Bobo, lileen Hauerstock.

A SERGANTS DIARY was presented to the High School and later to grammar school on Thursday, Jan. 10. Mr. Mogonagal, one of the players in the film was well-known to several pupils, which made it far more interesting. (-By the way, Mr. Mogonagal was down i nJoshua Tree Friday driving his car.)

Yee—gads—sheeks!

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

(Continued from page one)

Thus the Joshua Tree substation will supply current for these other communities.

Sun Valley Acres

Within 60 or 90 days after this job is finished The Bunker Land Co. and L. V. Peterman, owner, expect to start construction on a line to supply Sun Valley Acres and the residents along that line.

Will Speed Progress

Completion of the Joshua Tree system will speed up everything here. Carpenters will be able to use their power saws, home owners can have electric refrigeration, and housewives can use their electric irons, to say nothing about the relief from kerosene and Coleman lamps.

The Desert Trading Post says they will put in a first class meat department with refrigerated display case and walk-in box.

The Valley Automotive Service will install power equipment and there is at least one ice cream parlor that will open up shortly.

The Joshua Tree Service Co. is to build a modern automatic electric pumping plant to boost the water to the top of the hill and the pressure system that will supply water to the Alta Vista addition.

Street lights will appear soon and, in short, Joshua Tree at night will soon be a bright spot on the Highway.

CLASS ADS GET RESULTS

ARMY TO PICK OFFICERS FROM THE RANKS

The Army has just resumed its wartime practice of picking leaders from the ranks through its officer candidate schools, Colonel Joseph D. Raney, recruiting commander in Southern California, announced today.

This is an addition to the economic, educational and many other advantages already offered by the new peacetime Army, Col. Raney said.

Schools now open to enlisted men who can qualify include: Air Forces, Infantry, Field Artillery, Chemical Warfare, Judge Advocate General, Signal, Finance, Quartermaster, Engineer, Ordnance, Transportation, Armored Forces and Military Police.

The base pay of a second lieutenant is $1800 a year, plus an initial uniform allowance of $250 and a mileage allowance of five cents a mile for traveling in line of duty.

If the officer has had three years of prior service as an enlisted man, the base pay will be $2,000. Married officers stationed within the United States may have their families accompany them to new assignments at Government expense, Col. Raney concluded.

Your nearest U. S. Army Recruiting Station is located at 490 Court St., Room 10, San Bernardino, California.

WATCH HIM GO

A. E. Martois arrived in town last week with 11½ tons of building material, including windows, window frames, and heat-i-lator for his fireplace and lumber of all types. He has now started building his home on Commercial street.

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